

February 10, 2022

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
3 East Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Opposition SB 1 State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders

Dear Chairwoman Kelley:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 1 State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders**. **MBIA Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill would authorize the Commission of Labor and Industry to issue stop work orders for worksites where there is an initial determination that a contractor or subcontractor violated prevailing wage requirements. MBIA respectfully opposes this measure. It is important to make certain that employees are getting paid the wage set by the State, however there is no provision in this bill that would give warning to a contractor that may be in violation and the procedures for whether a violation may have occurred. This ambiguity leaves the potential for the process to be lengthy due to the uncertainty of which records and documentation needs to be produced in order to prove compliance.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an unfavorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the Senate Finance Committee